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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE VISIT OF BULGARIAN DEPUTY MINISTER OF TRADE

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1. WHEN I CALLED ON DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER LUKANOV AUG 2, HE MENTIONED THAT A BULGARIAN DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE WOULD BE IN CANADA IN SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER AND INQUIRED, ON AN INFORMAL BASIS, WHETHER A "PRIVATE" NON-OFFICIAL VISIT OF THAT DEPUTY MINISTER TO WASHINGTON WOULD BE WELCOME. IT WOULD TAKE PLACE AFTER THE CANADIAN VISIT.

2. AS YOU KNOW, LUKANOV, WHO USED TO BE DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE HIMSELF, WAS PROMOTED TO DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER IN JUNE. HIS PLACE WAS TAKEN BY PETUR BASHIKAROV, WHO UP TO THEN HAD BEEN DIRECTOR FOR TRADE WITH WESTERN DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. BASHIKAROV IS QUIET AND SENSIBLE, SPEAKS GOOD ENGLISH, AND WOULD NOT EXPECT ANY SPECIAL REPRESENTATIONAL EFFORT.

3. PURPOSE OF VISIT WOULD BE ORIENTATION AND DISCUSSIONS WITH RANKING OFFICIALS LIKE YOURSELVES, PLUS PERHAPS BRIEF CALLS ON HIGHER-UPS. PLEASE LET ME
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KNOW IF YOU THINK WE SHOULD SAY ON THAT BASIS

BASHIKAROV WOULD BE WELCOME. IT LOOKS AS IF WE WILL
BE DOUBLING OUR TRADE WITH BULGARIA THIS YEAR. THERE
ARE GOOD PROSPECTS, AND THE VISIT COULD BE USEFUL.
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